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(All previous Time Tables cancelled.)

DOWN TRAINS

Stations	No. 14 Local	No. 15 Local	No. 16 Express	No. 17 Express	No. 18 Mixed 3rd Class	No. 19 Mixed 3rd Class	No. 20 Mixed 3rd Class	No. 21 Mixed 3rd Class	No. 22 Mixed 3rd Class	No. 23 Mixed 3rd Class	No. 24 Mixed 3rd Class
CANTON (Tsi Sha Tsui) dep.	8.00	8.11	8.25	8.45	8.55	9.05	9.15	9.25	9.35	9.45	9.55
SHIAU LING	8.05	8.16	8.30	8.50	9.00	9.10	9.20	9.30	9.40	9.50	10.00
Shun Chai	8.10	8.21	8.35	8.55	9.05	9.15	9.25	9.35	9.45	9.55	10.05
Shunghui	8.15	8.26	8.40	9.00	9.10	9.20	9.30	9.40	9.50	10.00	10.10
Fanning	8.20	8.31	8.45	9.05	9.15	9.25	9.35	9.45	9.55	10.05	10.15
Tai Po Market	8.25	8.36	8.50	9.10	9.20	9.30	9.40	9.50	10.00	10.10	10.20
Tai Po	8.30	8.41	8.55	9.15	9.25	9.35	9.45	9.55	10.05	10.15	10.25
Shatin	8.35	8.46	9.00	9.20	9.30	9.40	9.50	10.00	10.10	10.20	10.30
Yuenai	8.40	8.51	9.05	9.25	9.35	9.45	9.55	10.05	10.15	10.25	10.35
Hongkong	8.45	8.56	9.10	9.30	9.40	9.50	10.00	10.10	10.20	10.30	10.40
KOWLOON	8.50	9.01	9.15	9.35	9.45	9.55	10.05	10.15	10.25	10.35	10.45

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Stations	No. 4 Local	No. 5 Local	No. 6 Express	No. 7 Express	No. 8 Mixed 3rd Class	No. 9 Mixed 3rd Class	No. 10 Mixed 3rd Class	No. 11 Mixed 3rd Class	No. 12 Mixed 3rd Class	No. 13 Mixed 3rd Class	No. 14 Mixed 3rd Class
Last Ferry	8.55	9.06	9.20	9.40	9.50	10.00	10.10	10.20	10.30	10.40	10.50
KOWLOON	9.00	9.11	9.25	9.45	9.55	10.05	10.15	10.25	10.35	10.45	10.55
Hongkong	9.05	9.16	9.30	9.50	10.00	10.10	10.20	10.30	10.40	10.50	11.00
Yuenai	9.10	9.21	9.35	9.55	10.05	10.15	10.25	10.35	10.45	10.55	11.05
Tai Po	9.15	9.26	9.40	10.00	10.10	10.20	10.30	10.40	10.50	11.00	11.10
Tai Po Market	9.20	9.31	9.45	10.05	10.15	10.25	10.35	10.45	10.55	11.05	11.15
Fanning	9.25	9.36	9.50	10.10	10.20	10.30	10.40	10.50	11.00	11.10	11.20
Shatin	9.30	9.41	9.55	10.15	10.25	10.35	10.45	10.55	11.05	11.15	11.25
Shunghui	9.35	9.46	10.00	10.20	10.30	10.40	10.50	11.00	11.10	11.20	11.30
Shun Chai	9.40	9.51	10.05	10.25	10.35	10.45	10.55	11.05	11.15	11.25	11.35
SHEAU LING	9.45	9.56	10.10	10.30	10.40	10.50	11.00	11.10	11.20	11.30	11.40
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FOREIGNERS' RIGHTS IN CHINA.

DIPLOMATIC CORPS INTERVENTION.

The Times correspondent at Peking wrote on this subject as follows on December 17th, and we are not aware that any material improvement in the situation has since taken place.

As a result of the September mandate withdrawing recognition of the Russian Diplomatic mission and Comandante, the position of Russians domiciled in China is highly unsatisfactory and leads to great inconvenience to them, and to foreigners with whom they have business relations. Verbal assurances were given to the Diplomatic body at the time, but Chinese actions thereafter have led the diplomatists to ask for something more explicit in writing. Several communications have since passed without resulting in material improvement.

On the whole the arrangements promised by the Chinese were not satisfactory, but the trouble is, that the Peking Government is unable to give effect to them, either because it has insufficient control over local authorities or because few Chinese are competent to do the work required.

Chinese troops, for instance, in Manchuria and Mongolia treated Russians on many occasions with great brutality. The Court set up in Harbin to administer Russian law included Judges totally ignorant of law of any kind and of the Russian language. Seventeen Russian "advisers" suggested by the Chinese Government turned out to be in some cases subordinates and mental imbalances to the position. Throughout China it is at present impossible to obtain a legal decision in cases where Russians are concerned, although hundreds of cases are pending. Foreigners doing business with Russians have no means of legal recourse. Passport and notarial work is practically at a standstill. In short, the Chinese have destroyed the judicial machinery relating to the aggregate Russian community of 300,000, and so far have been unable to set up anything in its place.

The Diplomatic Corps is therefore again requesting a statement what the Chinese Government, in order as promised to protect Russian interests, proposes to do as regards, first, the municipal police and the two Russian concessions; secondly, the application of Russian law; thirdly, public notaries; fourthly, Russian advisers to assist in dealing with Russian affairs.

The whole of this question is of immense interest to foreigners in China for underlying the present difficulty is Chinese anxiety to scrap the disabilities imposed by treaties and put foreigners on a new footing. Germans and Austrians have lost their treaty rights, and China expects to be able to make its own terms with all new States. Foreigners, however, still see China as an Oriental country without any effective legal administration, and moreover at present it is virtually in a state of anarchy. In present circumstances the treaties are essential to foreign commerce, industry, and enterprise, and any slackness in their maintenance would be disastrous to foreign interests. Foreigners are bound to stand by Russians at the present juncture lest their indifference encourage China to encroach on their own rights.

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL PROCEDURE.

A COMPLAINT AT SINGAPORE.

At a meeting of the Legislative Council of the Straits Settlements recently—

Mr. NUTT moved the adjournment of the Council in order to call attention to a matter concerning procedure in the discussion. The point I wish to raise, he said, and a point which the unofficial members on this side of the House wish to raise, is that in debates on motions or on policy the Government remain particularly silent. That, I think, is not conducive to the best interests of this Council and also it causes a lack of interest to the proceedings of the Council outside and I would ask that the Government would treat the points raised by the unofficial members, as they are raised in connection with motions and also with bills. I wish this to be entirely a respectful statement to yourself, Sir, and I would ask you in future, if you can, as the points are raised by unofficial members to deal with them at the time.

Mr. LOWMEYER: Sir, I am merely rising to support the point raised by the hon. member on my right and I will give a specific instance. When we were discussing just now the Rent Restriction Ordinance you will remember that a number of points of principle were raised on this side of the table. What happened was that not a word was said in reply to any of those points. It is like, if I might use a simile, it is like talking down a telephone which is out of order and hearing nothing from the other side. We could have had the advantage of the very considerable experience of one of the hon. members on the other side of the table, who has just returned from leave. He could have put us right on certain points and we are deprived of any advantage of hearing his views on the subject, not only on this occasion but on all occasions.

The Governor: I take it that the suggestion of the two hon. members mainly relates to motions and second readings discussions.

Mr. NUTT: That is so. On the first reading there is no debate, but on motions and second readings—With regard to motions there was an instance to-day I think where a point arose where two hon. members of Government spoke in reply to Mr. Perkins. I think it is quite a good suggestion that official members should take part in debates as well as unofficial members (applause). With regard to second readings debates my own idea is that, having heard the report put forward on second readings the Government officials would deal with them when they come up in committee on the individual clauses. These are points in which some consideration is wanted but I see nothing to object in principle at least in the representation that has been made to the Council (applause).

A COAL AND IRON COMBINE. THE PRODUCTION OF STEEL IN CHINA.

The Ministry of Finance and the Ministry of Agriculture and Commerce have jointly memorialised the President with reference to the establishment of an iron foundry in Chinwangtao by the Kai Lan Mining Administration of Tientsin in conjunction with the Chinese Pao Sin Mining Company of Anhwei, and the Sino-Japanese Lung Yen Mining Company of Peking. The idea is to get iron ores from the Pao Sin and the Lung Yen mines and with the fine coke products of the Kai Lan Company, the company, the combined corporation hopes to produce modern steel for the development of the Chinese iron and steel industry. At the suggestion of the Ministry of Finance, the Government will grant to the joint corporation an exemption of the payment of hken and customs duty for a period of three years because the ten years originally requested are considered to be too long. As the plant for iron smelting will arrive in this country from England shortly, the corporation will probably commence its operation in Chinwangtao within a few months.

Regarding the Lung Yen Iron Mining Company, the Ministry of Communications has discovered that when the Anfu leader, General Ting Shih-yuan, was director of the Peking-Hankow and the Peking-Suiyuan Railways, he misappropriated the sum of one million and three hundred thousand dollars from the railway funds without permission and with the money he purchased shares of the Lung Yen Company. The Chinese Government, therefore, now claims a certain amount of shareholders' rights in the administration of the company, which is entirely in Japanese hands. Further, the Ministry of Communications is of opinion that the agreement signed by General Ting with the Lung Yen Company concerning the transportation of its products by railway is too favourable and that unless it is modified, other mining companies may claim similar privileges. The director of the Peking-Hankow railway has, therefore, been instructed to negotiate with the Lung Yen Company about the above-mentioned question. (Straits News Agency.)

NEW MUNICIPAL COMMISSION AT SINGAPORE.

The Acting Colonial Secretary at the last meeting of the Legislative Council, at Singapore, said—

Honourable members will recollect that during the committee stage of the Municipal Amendment Bill on October 25th, 1920, I made a statement as to the manner in which H.E. the Governor proposed to appoint the additional Municipal Commissioners provided for in the Bill. The Bill was eventually passed as Ordinance No. 29 of 1920, and raised the maximum number of Commissioners from 15 to 25. I mentioned that certain public bodies were to be asked to nominate members for the Council. His Excellency's consideration, but at the same time I made it clear that His Excellency reserved to himself an unfettered discretion in the matter and declined to make any hard and fast rule as to which public bodies should be asked to nominate members or as to the number to be so nominated by each body. I should now like to qualify the statement then made as His Excellency has since received from various quarters, certain representations and numerous suggestions as to the methods of selection.

His Excellency has now decided after full consideration of these suggestions and representations and purely as a tentative measure, to ask the following bodies to nominate the numbers set opposite their names:

Straits Settlements (Singapore)

Association	3
The Singapore Chamber of Commerce	2
The Chinese Chamber of Commerce	2
The Straits Chinese British Association	1
The Eurasian Association	1
The Mohammedan Advisory Board	1
The Hindu Advisory Board	1
Total	11

There are at present 11 members on the Commission and this will leave His Excellency free to select three members as he wishes. These three the present Municipal Commissioners will probably be asked to select themselves.

RISE FROM HONGKONG TO BORNEO.

The B.N. Borneo Herald says:—After the last shipment by the Kajang, no more rice will be bought from Singapore, and we shall look to Hongkong for our supplies in future, until traders have made their own arrangements. The rice bought in Singapore has cost us about \$25 a picul, and owing to the fact that we could not foresee the date when we should be able to stop buying from Singapore, we had at the end of December about 20,000 piculs. In addition to this, all Estates would have a two months' supply in their stores. Present consumption for the whole State of imported rice averages about 10,000 piculs a month. From January 1st, 1921, Estates will not be compelled to keep more than one month's supply of rice.

A lady was showing her little boy over the cathedral church of an ancient borough in East Anglia. "Mother," said the child, plaintively, "I have seen where the Bishop sits, and where the Choir sits, and where the Bells sit, but you haven't shown me the Mayor's seat yet."

DIOCESAN GIRLS' SCHOOL. PRIZE DISTRIBUTION BY LADY STUBBS.

Lady Stubbs distributed the prizes at the Diocesan Girls' School, Kowloon, yesterday morning. The Bishop of Victoria presided. The first part of the programme consisted of an admirable entertainment given by the scholars.

The Bishop of Victoria said that two things had impressed him, in reading the reports of the School. One was its steady growth in numbers and effectiveness; the other was how much it owed to the service and inspiration of Miss Skipton, who came to it twenty years ago, and had ever since watched and helped to forward its growth. One could not but reflect on the large number of girls who had been influenced by the school. Everybody must be glad of the school and of the splendid influence of Miss Skipton. (Applause.)

The Rev. G. R. LINDSAY read the annual report, from which the following paragraphs are taken:—

We have much pleasure in presenting the twenty-first annual report. Sixty-two boarders and 123 day scholars attended the School during 1920, the maximum for one month being 182. One candidate passed the Hongkong University Senior Examination, six passed the Junior, with one distinction in needlework and one in drawing.

The Lugard Scholarship was awarded to Bertha Remedios. It was with great regret that the Committee of the School felt obliged to raise the fees. For a long time they have not been commensurate with the expenses, and were, therefore, raised:—

All boarders: \$250 per annum payable monthly or quarterly in advance.
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(These were the fees when the school was in Hongkong.)
We are glad to feel that the school is meeting a need in the Colony as it is proved by its continued prosperity. It is much to be hoped, however, that with the increasing demand for higher education those who value such education given under Christian influence, will see to it that this school does not lack support.

The report also gave an account of a successful sale of work held during the year, when \$700 was sent to the Famine Fund, and \$400 each to the Blind Home and the Victoria Home.

It continued:—Miss Ferguson left in August for a well-earned furlough having been absent from her home for seven years. She will, all being well, return in the autumn and take again the post of Headmistress which she so ably filled for so long a year.

MISS SKIPTON, who has retired, is leaving the school in September. She carries with her into her well-earned retirement the warm affection and good wishes of Committee, school staff and scholars. The Diocesan Girls' School owes everything, humanly speaking, to Miss Skipton's self-denying and indefatigable labour of love for 20 years. She has seen the school grow from small beginnings into a well-equipped and efficiently staffed centre of education. The high moral tone for which this school is notable, is almost wholly due to the character and influence of the one who has been its beloved Head for so many years. Deeply though we regret Miss Skipton's departure, we wish to place on record our great appreciation of the splendid service she has so ably rendered. (Applause.)

The prizes were then distributed by Lady Stubbs. The Bishop of Victoria mentioned that Sir Robert Ho Tung, who was on the platform, was also present at a meeting 21 years ago, when the school was projected.

CANTON-HANKOW RAILWAY.

The Chung Yung news agency says that the Ministry of Communications has decided to build the section of the Canton-Hankow Railway between Chingchow and Hengchow with funds raised by the Ministry itself. It is estimated that the work of constructing this section of the line will take three years and the funds required for this purpose will be \$14,110,000. To raise this sum, the Ministry will set aside from June this year a monthly sum of \$120,000 from the receipts of the Kin-Han Railway, \$120,000 from the Peking-Mukden and the Tientsin-Pukow Railway, each and \$30,000 from the Peking-Suiyuan Railway, making the total \$480,000 a month. For three years the funds thus raised will amount to \$14,400,000, leaving a balance to cover exchange or other incidental expenses.

After the completion of the work on this section of the railway, the Ministry further plans to extend the line from Hengchow to Cheshankow. For the completion of the latter section, a sum of \$7,090,000 will be required. This sum, the Ministry plans, is to be raised from the same sources in two years, during which the above-mentioned four railways will jointly raise a sum of \$290,000 a month. If, in the course of time, a foreign loan is concluded for the building of these two sections, the funds raised by the four Government railways will be reserved for the payment of interest and the redemption of the principal of the original foreign loan which has already been used for the construction of the section of the line now already opened to traffic. By this means the Ministry expects to complete the whole line in five or six years.

INTIMATIONS

THE ROYAL HONGKONG YACHT CLUB.

THE FIFTH CHAMPIONSHIP RACE for Racing Yachts will be re-sailed on SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 6th. Preparatory gun for Handicap class at 10.10 A.M.

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NOTICE OF REMOVAL.

PLEASE note we have REMOVED our Offices to Mercantile Bank Building, No. 7, QUEEN'S ROAD CENTRAL, 3rd Floor. MANNERS & BACKHOUSE, LTD. Hongkong, January 24th, 1921. [330]

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RANDOM REFLECTIONS.

I see from the Government Gazette, that the notifications regarding the proposed sales by public auction of Crown land south of Villa Miramar, Pokfulam, have been cancelled. Methinks, thereby hangs a tale. Several sites were being sought by European residents in that vicinity for residential purposes; and certain Chinese, when they came to hear of it resolved, it is said, to outbid them at the auctions. Something similar happened in regard to two or three sites at Stanley, nearly a couple of years ago. Chinese bought the sites, but they do not seem to be in a hurry to build on them. Are they, under the forfeiture clause, making a present to the Government of the sum paid and the land as well?

A succession of theatrical ventures and classical concerts serve to remind one of the distinctly moribund, if not dead, condition, of our own amateur organisations devoted to music and the drama. The A.D.C., if there is really such a body—one has never known it to have an annual meeting, submit a report, or elect officers or Committee—is galvanised into action by whom?—and submits a play or plays to the public which is attended, if not out of mere curiosity, then sheer patriotism. That there is dramatic talent in the Colony of a very high order is undoubtedly the case. That, also, we have budding William Archers (probably Pineros and Barries as well) in our midst, is also true. An interest in the theatre does not necessarily consist in the ability to act.

The point of this somewhat rambling recital is to suggest that the A.D.C. become an active body, with a live outlook, a democratic constitution, and a mission in life. It could do wonders in many ways. As a body, it could offer advice. There would then be no need for an artist with the reputation possessed by Miss Marie Tempest to suffer the ignominy of empty seats—due, it must be admitted, to the high cost charged for admission. Artists and plays of repute would bear the insignia of the Society, and perhaps efforts would be put forth to make it worth the while of the acknowledged leaders of the profession to visit the East. The appearance of Matheson Lang nine years ago is still remembered, and it is interesting to remember that his play "Mr. Wu" centres round Kowloon. One desires to pay the highest tribute to the genius of Mr. W. Sinclair in his gift of play production and to express the hope that it may not be allowed to run to seed. Why not a week of repertory? "The Admirable Crichton" and "The Twelve-pound Look," amongst others, would probably prove very acceptable, and, as a curtain-raiser, I would suggest Wilde's "Happy Prince" with Mr. Sinclair to declaim what must rank amongst the most beautiful prose ever penned.

Then there is—or rather, was—the Philharmonic Society. "Where is dot party now?" The war surely did not kill it. The love of music is inherent and should not be allowed to languish for want of a leader, even in Hongkong. I admit that such ventures as these depend, in many instances, on the leadership of the one or two. Something should be done to resurrect this body. Someone can be found to do the donkey work; the matter only requires a leader. And to strengthen the art side of this "miniature of all the talents" as Hongkong has been wittily described, why not federate the A.D.C., the Philharmonic Society and the Arts Society? "Diversity of gifts but the same spirit."

Much good ink has been used in discussing the subject of band rosters in the open air. I was passing the bottom of Garden Road the other evening when the regimental band happened to be offering its weekly feast of music to the diners in the building close by. It is problematical what degree of interest is taken in the music by those who have this pleasure given them free, gratis, and for nothing, but surely something might be done to enable the community as a whole to listen to such regalia as our regimental bands are able to give. Personally I would much rather hear "Finlandia" or "Ouvroir" than "Chow" played by a band than be compelled to listen to necessarily abbreviated versions of such classics on my gramophone. I don't think those in authority realise their obligations to the public, for it seems to me that a Government's work does not stop at housing (if it ever has begun at that), policing, and making laws—and making huge grants of money to such institutions as the University. There may be some valuable argument about who should bear the burden of the cost of the band, but the question of such provision is undeniably a Hongkong one, very pretty, but it is also very dull.

A rumour has floated across the Pacific that another of Hongkong's ivy-clad bachelors submitted to foreign charms while on a voyage to England—or was it Scotland? News of a marriage at Vancouver is expected to reach the Colony by an early mail.

ROBERT RANDOLPH.

A DEAL IN SUGAR.

\$95,000 DAMAGES CLAIMED.
JUDGMENT FOR THE DEFENDANTS.

Judgment was given yesterday by the Acting Chief Justice (Mr. H. H. J. Gompertz) in an action in which the Yuen Hop Hong, sugar merchants, sought to recover \$95,000 damages against the Kien Tjiang Han, of Wing Lok Street, for alleged breach of contract. His Lordship said the plaintiffs were a firm of sugar merchants of old standing in the Colony, which had been for 30 years a member of the General Chamber of Commerce. Their turnover in 1919 was over a million. The defendant firm had been established in the Colony since 1910. It was for all practical purposes owned by Mr. Kwok Chung Young, who had a large sugar business in Java, and offices in many places in the Far East, besides an agency in London. He is president of the China Sugar Association in Java.

After reviewing the evidence, his Lordship continued: The defendant's case, may be briefly outlined as follows: Having previously received enquiries for sugar from Pak Kon, purporting to be acting on behalf of a French firm, on August 25th they gave a quotation to him for the French firm, the name of which was then undisclosed. The quotation or offer was made to and intended for the French firm only and the defendants had no knowledge of, and no intention of contracting with, the plaintiffs or any other party.

On August 30th a counter offer at a lower price was made by Pak Kon on behalf of his principals and the defendants then cancelled their previous offer or quotation. On August 31st a member of the plaintiffs' firm took the cables Floquet and Knott had received from Paris to Kwok's house, to show him that there was in fact a French firm willing to contract. Kwok, who was unwell, refused to re-open the matter.

However, the price, guineas 31½ was agreeable to him, and he proposed to acquire as to the status of the French firm, the name of which he then learned for the first time, and if everything was satisfactory, to give them the contract through Pak Kon, who would receive the usual brokerage.

Then, learning, on September 1st, that the plaintiffs were claiming to deal with him as principals, he decided to have no more to do with Pak Kon and put the matter in the hands of another broker, Pentreath. He was willing to let Floquet and Knott have the sugar at the original quotation though at one time he might have been considerably out of pocket by the transaction. He did in fact through his agents open negotiations with Floquet which lasted until September 11th when they came to nothing. The plaintiffs' case on the facts may be put briefly as follows:—Plaintiffs are not and never have been brokers. They are and always have been merchants buying and selling in the sugar market. Particularly in their transactions with the defendants they have always been principals. They often acted as middlemen between the defendants and European firms with whom the defendants were not in direct touch. They fulfilled this function especially in the case of the sugar refineries managed by Messrs. Jardine, Matheson and Messrs. Butterfield & Swire.

The defendants knew in these transactions that the plaintiffs had a sub-purchase but not always his name, and in any case the price obtained by the plaintiffs from the sub-purchaser was no concern of the defendants.

Unfortunately, the plaintiffs' case rested, initially, upon an interview with a man now dead.

Passing to the subsequent conduct of the defendants. His Lordship said that on the question of cancellation, in this present claim it did not matter very much whether the defendants revoked their offer to a French firm or not; for such an offer was *ex hypothesi* not made to the plaintiffs.

Mr. Fother urged (1) that the cables showed clearly that Kwok throughout believed himself bound to supply sugar under the contract. On this point his Lordship said he was satisfied that Kwok did intend and desire to get a contract with a responsible French firm. Possibly he had his reasons for desiring to get in touch with the Paris market. If circumstances had been favourable, apparently Floquet and Knott would have had the sugar from him at guineas 31.50. This did not of course prove that he did not break off negotiations and cancel his offer on August 30th. And again (2), it was said that plaintiffs would not have been so foolish as to make a counter offer at a lower rate on a rising market and after the formation of the plaintiffs' negotiations with Floquet promised them only a small and problematical profit.

On the point whether the offer on which the case largely hinged was actually enclosed in an envelope addressed to the plaintiffs, his Lordship said: On this question I refrain from an elaborate review of the points put forward with remarkable ability by the plaintiffs. I will content myself with saying that, on that evidence as a whole, after the most anxious consideration, I am unable to find as a fact that the offer was actually put in an envelope, I am not finding that the plaintiffs have committed perjury. I merely say that I am not satisfied that on this point they have established their case. If there was never any offer made to the plaintiffs, there has been no contract and therefore no contract, and my judgment must be for the defendants. The case was heard at the end of last year. The plaintiffs were represented by Messrs. Eldon, Potter and F. C. Jenkin, and the defendants by the Hon. Mr. H. E. Pollock, K.C., and the Hon. Mr. E. H. Sharp, K.C.

ALLEGED VILLAGE CRIME.

CROWN'S STORY OF COLD BLOODED MURDER.

Allegations of a particularly cold-blooded and cowardly murder by five men of a defenceless hawker, for the sake of a few dollars' worth of cloth, were made in a case opened at the Magistracy, before Mr. G. N. Orme, yesterday afternoon.

Four men of Ma-leung-kung village, on the mainland, were charged with the murder of Fung Tong, a cloth-hawker, of 58, Hollywood Road, on January 9th.

The Assistant Crown Solicitor (Mr. T. Hazlerigg) who prosecuted, explained that the murdered man left home on the morning of January 9th to sell cloth in the Sanshuipo district. One of his clansmen met him that day in the neighbourhood of Ma-leung-kung and a gardener heard him hailed by a man who invited him to sell cloth and who escorted him down a lane, in a house at the end of which his body was afterwards found. The crime came to light through a visit of two men to the house a little later in the day. They stated that they heard sounds of a scuffle, and when after some delay, they were admitted they saw rolls of cloth in the living room and, in a room beyond, the body of a man apparently dead, and partly covered with matting. There were five men on the premises and four of them were in the dock. By way of explaining the strange condition of affairs in the house to their visitors, the prisoners said the hawker "had been murdered" and if the two men would promise to say nothing about it, they should share in the spoil. Being out-numbered, the two men thought it discreet to pretend compliance, with this suggestion but it was a long time before they persuaded the prisoners to let them leave the premises.

Directly they got away, one of them made a report to the police; two parties of police went out and found the house with the dead body and the rolls of cloth still there, but no living soul on the premises. One of the prisoners, however, was arrested on the way to the house by one of the police parties; three others were found in another house in the village.

The prisoners were searched and on one was found a purse bearing the name of the deceased man; on another was found a key which fitted the lock securing the premises on which the body was found, also a sum of money corresponding with the amount the deceased was known to have started out with that day. Another of the men had no belt; his clothing was secured with tape similar to that which bound the rolls of cloth found in the house, where the police also found a broken belt.

Mr. Hazlerigg said the theory of the prosecution was that, having enticed the hawker into the house on a pretext of buying his wares, the prisoners struck him on the head, possibly with a brick found on the premises, and then, while he was still in a dazed condition, encircled his neck with a piece of his own cloth and strangled him. Another piece of the cloth was used as a gag. L.M.S. medical officer in charge of Kowloon Mortuary, said he made a *post-mortem* examination of the deceased. His clothes were torn, but the body bore no marks of a wound except at the neck. Round the neck was a kind blue mark, and various smaller blue marks under the angle of the jaw. Death was due to strangulation and the wounds could not have been self-inflicted.

Evidence was given by relatives of the deceased and by men who saw him on the day of his death. The hearing was adjourned.

THE HO MUN TIN BUILDING CASE.

In a further hearing, before the Puisne Judge (Mr. J. R. Wood), of the case in which the Rev. Fr. A. Henriques sued Mr. George Theodore Lam for \$205, as damages, for wrongfully removing the support of the soil of his bungalows at Ho Mun Tin, evidence was given by Mr. Abdul Rahim, architect, who said the two bungalows were built under his supervision. He gave particulars of cracks and other evidence of subsidence which occurred later.

Cross-examined by Mr. M. K. Lo, for the defendant, he said he did not consider the plaintiff's soil very good for building purposes.

Mr. Lo: The nature of the soil in Ho Mun Tin does in fact give a lot of anxiety to builders?

Witness: I am not aware of that. It is usual or unusual to build a small bungalow on a cement-concrete raft—it is usual.

Irrespective of the nature of the soil—No. A cement-concrete raft is not used except in made ground.

In other words, made ground is bad or weak for building purposes?—Yes.

The hearing was further adjourned.

CARGO PILFERAGE.

WORK OF A GANG SUSPECTED.

At the Magistracy before Mr. G. N. Orme, yesterday, two Chinese were charged with being found on the P. & O. steamer *Zakara* with rolls of embroidered ribbon concealed upon them.

Inspector Spear, who was in charge of the case, said the fact that the prisoners each had different kinds of ribbon showed that more than one case was broken open. There was reason to believe that the men were working in conjunction with others.

One of the prisoners (against whom there was a previous conviction) was sent to prison for six months and ordered four hours in the stocks; the other was sentenced to three months' imprisonment.

SPORT.

LAWN TENNIS.

THE ANNUAL TOURNAMENT.

The Annual Tennis Tournament, held under the auspices of the Hongkong Cricket Club, will commence on March 1st. The events include Championship Singles, Championship Doubles, Club Championship, Handicap Singles, Handicap Doubles, and Mixed Handicap Doubles.

CRICKET.

CLUB & NAVY.

The following will represent the Club against the Navy on Saturday, on the Club ground, at 2.15 p.m.:—T. E. Pearce (captain), L. F. Davies, D. E. Donnelly, G. M. Dorkins, W. H. Drummond, Major Edwards, F. H. Farthing, R. M. Madden, H. A. Sawyer, D. J. Valentine and R. E. A. Webster.

FOOTBALL.

KOWLOON RES. & PUNJABIS.

The following will represent the Kowloon Reserves in their League engagement against the Punjabis on St. Joseph's ground, on the 5th inst., kick-off, at 3 p.m.:—H. McKay, K. A. Mason and S. Adams; A. Spary, S. H. Hewer and R. Roberts; E. Donovan, A. Palmer, J. Coombs, A. Estorff, and H. Blythe.

NATIONAL FAMINE RELIEF DRIVE.

TO TAKE PLACE AT END OF THIS MONTH.

We have received the following telegram from the Famine Relief Committee of the famine relief organization:

Peking, January 25th. The National Famine Relief drive has been set for February 20th to February 25th, inclusive. A special Peking committee, with Sun Pao-shi as chairman, will direct the campaign in Peking and aid the national movement. The International committees at Shanghai, Hankow, Tientsin, Kaifeng, and Taiyuan agree to conduct a simultaneous drive. Tientsin considers the plan on Monday. International committees will be organized in other cities for the drive.

President Hsu Shih-chang has been invited to act as honorary President of the movement, and Government boards and departments have been asked to request the co-operation of Metropolitan and provincial officials and commercial organizations. The Legations will request the Colonial Administrations to join the religious and charitable bodies in the drive.

JAPAN AND TSINGTAO.

The fact that Japan considers Tsingtao and Kwangtung as her possessions is evidenced, says a Peking contemporary, by the latest census list published by the Japanese Government, in which Kwangtung and Tsingtao are treated as parts of the Japanese Empire and the residents, most of whom are Chinese, at these two places are taken as her subjects. The list referred to contains the following figures:—

Japan Proper	55,961,140
Formosa	3,645,398
Sabalan	105,765
Korea	17,284,107
Kwangtung	637,316
Tsingtao	253,950
Japanese Residents in South Sea Islands	52,185
Total	78,000,961

MAYOR OF TOKIO'S GIFT.

RETURNS HIS SALARY FOR SOCIAL WORK.

The Mayor of Tokio, Baron Goto, has formally offered to the City Council to contribute the whole of his annual salary, amounting to ¥25,000 to the municipal funds for social work, and this has been accepted.

In making the offer he said that "he had no intention from the outset of using the salary for his private interests. His original intention was to decline the salary but, as the law did not allow this, he had decided on making a contribution to the Municipality, which example he hoped would be followed by others, so that the Municipality might in future undertake very timely social work."

THE GOVERNMENT HOUSE.

MURDER CHARGE.

ACCUSED COMMITTED FOR TRIAL.

Tong Tim, the coolie employed at Government House, who is charged with the murder of an amah, Chan Chien, was committed for trial at the Sessions by Mr. R. E. Lindsell, at the Magistracy, yesterday.

KOWLOON "SNATCHING" CASE.

There was quite a mild sensation in Kowloon yesterday when a crowd of Chinese, literally, fell upon two men who, it was alleged, had "snatched" ornaments from two little Chinese girls. There was an uproar near the Corporation Road end of Nathan Road where the offence was alleged to have been committed.

The girls, who were said to be on their way to a school prize distribution, were in gala costume and were wearing some ornaments.

When the men were caught by passers-by, residents in the locality set up a din of police whistles, but no policeman appeared on the scene.

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BANK HOLIDAYS.

IN accordance with Ordinance No. 5 of 1913 the EXCHANGE BANKS will be CLOSED for the transaction of PUBLIC BUSINESS on TUESDAY and WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 2ND and 3RD, 1921.
Hongkong, February 3rd, 1921. [270]

ATSON & CO., LIMITED.

NOTICE.

CHINESE NEW YEAR HOLIDAYS.
ON TUESDAY, 2ND FEBRUARY, and on WEDNESDAY, 3RD FEBRUARY, all Departments will be CLOSED for Business.

On these dates
THE HONGKONG DISPENSARY
will be Open for the purpose of Dispensing prescriptions as follows:—
10 A.M. to 1 P.M.
6 P.M. to 7.30 P.M.
A. S. WATSON & CO., LIMITED.
Hongkong, February 3rd, 1921. [371]

ROYAL HONGKONG GOLF CLUB.

THERE will be a COMPETITION at Fanning on SUNDAY, 6TH FEBRUARY, for a CUP to be presented. Conditions:—18 holes, Medal Play from Scratch. Only one card to be taken by each player.
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THE HOLLAND PACIFIC TRADING COMPANY, LIMITED.

THE BUSINESS of the HOLLAND PACIFIC TRADING COMPANY of BANK BUILDING, Hongkong, has been taken over as from the first of January, 1921, and will be carried on by the HOLLAND PACIFIC TRADING COMPANY, LIMITED (Incorporated in Hongkong) at the same address.

J. H. VAN GENNEP LUIERS,
Joint Managing Director,
HOLLAND PACIFIC TRADING CO., LTD.
Hongkong, February 2nd, 1921. [373]

THE CHINA SPECIE BANK, LTD.

STATUTORY MEETING.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the STATUTORY MEETING of the CHINA SPECIE BANK, LTD., to consider the Report and to elect Directors, Chief Manager, and Assistant Manager will be held at the Registered Office, 8, George's Building on SATURDAY, 12TH FEBRUARY, 1921, at 2 P.M.
J. S. HOLM,
Chief Manager.
Hongkong, February 3rd, 1921. [374]

UNION WATERBOAT COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE SIXTEENTH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS will be held in the Office of Messrs. DODWELL & COMPANY, LIMITED, on THURSDAY, the 17TH FEBRUARY, 1921, at 11 A.M. for the purpose of receiving the Report of the General Managers together with a Statement of Accounts to 31st December, 1920.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 7th to 17th February, 1921, both dates inclusive.
DODWELL & CO., LTD.,
General Managers.
Hongkong, February 3rd, 1921. [375]

THE GREEN ISLAND CEMENT CO., LTD.

THE THIRTY-SECOND ORDINARY ANNUAL MEETING of the SHAREHOLDERS in the Company will be held at the Office of the Company, 8, George's Building, Chester Road, Victoria, Hongkong, on TUESDAY, the 22nd day of February, 1921, at 11.00 o'clock in the forenoon, for the purpose of receiving a Statement of Accounts and the Report of the Directors for the year ending 31st December, 1920.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from SATURDAY, the 12th February, 1921, until TUESDAY, the 22nd February, 1921, both days inclusive.
By Order of the
BOARD OF DIRECTORS.
Hongkong, February 3rd, 1921. [376]

PUBLIC AUCTION.

PARTICULARS and CONDITIONS of the letting by Public Auction Sale, to be held on MONDAY, the 7th day of February, 1921, at 2 P.M., at the Office of the Public Works Department, by Order of His Excellency the GOVERNOR, of One Lot of CROWN LAND at Mongkok, in the Colony of Hongkong, for a term of 75 years, with the option of renewal at a Crown Rent to be fixed by the Surveyor of His Majesty the KING, for one further term of 75 years.

PARTICULARS OF THE LOT.

No. of Lot	Boundary Measurements	Area in Acres	Area in Squares Feet	Annual Rental	Dist. Price.
1	feet. feet. feet. feet.	0. 0. 0. 0.	5,213 04	4,028	
2	feet. feet. feet. feet.	0. 0. 0. 0.	5,213 04	4,028	

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NEW ADVERTISEMENTS

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

The Steamship "HUNGARIA"
From TRIESTE, VENICE, PENANG & SINGAPORE.

CONSIGNEES of Cargo are hereby informed that all Goods are being landed at their risk into the Godowns of the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company, Ltd., at Kowloon, whence and/or from the wharves delivery may be obtained. Optional Cargo will be forwarded, unless notice to the contrary be given before 3rd February.

No claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godowns, and all Goods remaining undelivered after the 9th Feb. will be subject to rent.
All claims against the steamer must be presented to the Underwriter on or before the 14th Feb., or they will not be recognized.
All broken, chafed, and damaged Goods are to be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined on the 7th Feb., at 10 A.M.
No Fire Insurance has been effected.
Bills of Lading will be countersigned by DODWELL & Co., Ltd.
Agents.
Hongkong, February 3rd, 1921. [378]

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

OCEAN STEAMSHIP COMPANY, LTD.
CHINA MUTUAL STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY, LTD.

CONSIGNEES per Company's Steamer

"EURYPILOS"
are hereby notified that the Cargo will be discharged into the Godowns, where it will be at Consignee's risk. The Cargo will be ready for delivery from Godown on and after 3rd Feb.

Optional cargo will be landed, unless notice has been given prior to steamer's arrival.
All broken, chafed, and damaged goods are to be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined on any Tuesdays and Fridays between the hours of 10.45 a.m. and Noon within the free storage period.
No claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the steamer's Godown, and all Goods remaining undelivered after the 10th Feb. will be subject to rent.
All Claims against the Steamer must be presented to the underwriter on or before the 24th Feb., or they will not be recognized.
No Fire Insurance will be effected.
BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE,
Agents.
Hongkong, February 3rd, 1921. [380]

INDO-CHINA STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

FROM ROBE.

The Steamship

"FOOKSANG"
having arrived from the above ports, Consignees of Cargo by her are hereby informed that all Goods are being landed at their risk into the Godowns of the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company, Limited, whence and/or from the wharves, delivery may be obtained. Goods not cleared by the 9th Feb. will be subject to rent.
All broken, chafed, and damaged packages are to be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined. Claims against the steamer must be presented within 10 days of arrival, otherwise they will not be recognized.
No Fire Insurance will be effected by us in any case whatever.
Bills of Lading will be countersigned by JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., Ltd., General Managers.
Hongkong, February 3rd, 1921. [381]

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FROM CALCUTTA, PENANG and SINGAPORE.

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IMPORTS AND EXPORTS OFFICE.

NOTICE.

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Licensed Warehouses will be entirely closed on those dates.

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MESOPOTAMIA MANDATE:

**GREAT BRITAIN'S BURDEN AND FREE TRADE
FOR ALL NATIONS.**

**AMERICA'S AMBITIOUS NAVAL
PROGRAMME:**

LARGE INCREASE IN COST.

BRITISH MISSION IN KABUL:

BOLSHEVIST AGENT BUSY.

LATEST CABLES.

(THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.)

MESOPOTAMIAN MANDATE.

TRADE FOR ALL BUT RESPONSIBILITY FOR GREAT BRITAIN.

LONDON, February 3rd.

The *Philadelphia Public Ledger* announces the terms of the British draft of the Mesopotamian Mandate, which will be submitted to the League of Nations at its next meeting at Geneva on February 22nd.

The *Daily Mail* regards the conditions generally as onerous to Great Britain and as placing all liabilities on British shoulders.

The chief clauses provide that no discrimination against any foreign State should be made, with a view to placing on equal footing in trade and oil enterprises of all nations and equal treatment of all nations as regards archaeological research. Great Britain is to be responsible for the foreign relations, defence, maintenance of the present frontiers and freedom of religion and education.

WAGES CUTTING MOVEMENT.

OPERATIONS IN UNITED STATES AND GREAT BRITAIN.

LONDON, February 3rd.

A telegram from New York says that the Standard Oil Company is discontinuing the 10 per cent. war bonus it allowed to all its employees. The railway companies are appealing to Congress to follow suit. The recent reductions in the wages of workers in other industries include, in the textile industry, 25 per cent.; steel, 15 per cent.; copper mines, 20 per cent.; and sewing machines factories, 20 per cent.

In Great Britain, the tin miners in Cornwall have had their wages cut by 10 per cent., and jute workers are shortly to have their wages reduced by 20 per cent.

**FRANCE REPUDIATES
MILITARISM.**

**M. BARTHOU'S ADDRESS TO
MILITARY ATTACHES.**

PARIS, February 1st.

A Havas message says:—The Minister of War, M. Barthou, at a reception of the military attaches, stated: "You are in a position, better than anybody, to see for yourself that France has no aggressive intention against anybody. It remains solely with Germany if she will discard all idea of *revanche* so that all may be able to start work again in peace."

BRITISH MISSION IN KABUL

**NEGOTIATIONS WITH AFGHAN
FOREIGN MINISTER.**

LONDON, February 3rd.

The British Government is receiving regularly reports from the British Mission in Kabul, who are conferring with the Afghan Foreign Minister twice or thrice weekly, but at present it is impossible to say when a settlement will be reached or the Mission will be able to leave Kabul where Suritz, the Bolshevik agent, is still busy.

LEAGUE OF NATIONS.

NEW PRESIDENT TAKES CHARGE.

PARIS, February 3rd.

A message from Geneva says that M. Hymans has handed over the presidency of the League of Nations to Senor Cunha, the Brazilian Ambassador in Paris.

**ARGENTINE WOOL AND
LEATHER.**

**DECISION OF GOVERNMENT
REGARDING EXPORTS.**

Buenos Aires, February 3rd.

The Government has exempted wool and leather from export duty for a year.

U.S. NAVAL PROGRAMME.

**LARGE INCREASE IN COST UPSETS
ESTIMATE.**

WASHINGTON, February 3rd.

The Naval Committee of the House of Representatives estimates that, owing to the rise in the cost of material and labour, \$434,000,000 above the original calculation of \$338,000,000 will be required to complete the ambitious naval programme which the Government embarked upon in 1916.

The Naval Bill, as reported to the House, calls for an appropriation of \$395,000,000, of which \$90,000,000 is for continuing new construction next year.

The programme of 1916 authorised the construction of 136 warships. Many these have been completed, but 17 battleships, battle-cruisers and a number of auxiliary ships are still under construction. The bill reduces the personnel of the Navy from 143,000 to 100,000, and appropriates for aviation only \$1,750,000, as compared with \$3,000,000 for the current year.

EARLIER CABLES.

DISARMAMENT PROBLEM.

VIEWS OF GENERAL PERSHING.

WASHINGTON, February 2nd.

Before the House of Representatives Naval Committee, General Pershing approved the suggested Disarmament Conference, but favoured the continuance of the United States Navy and Army programmes until the five Great Powers had reached an agreement. He added that France was unable safely to reduce her Army, for she was standing on guard in Europe, while Great Britain was occupied similarly on the seas. An Anglo-American Agreement must form the basis of a permanent disarmament policy, but France, Italy and Japan must subscribe to the Agreement. War between Great Britain and the United States was inconceivable.

NAVAL ARMAMENTS INQUIRY

FUNCTION OF COMMITTEE.

LONDON, February 3rd.

With reference to further Press reports of the alleged findings of the sub-committee mentioned in the message of January 17th, it is authoritatively declared that such committee was not appointed to make any distinct recommendation, but was formed solely for the purpose of collating evidence, eliminating certain non-essential particulars and particularly for obtaining the views of experts. Its report will be a summary of the evidence, and will not contain any recommendation whatsoever. The responsibility for arriving at a final decision, at some future date, rests entirely with the Imperial Defence Committee and the Cabinet.

BIG ITALIAN AIRSHIP.

**PURCHASED BY U.S. WAR
DEPARTMENT.**

WASHINGTON, February 2nd.

The War Department has bought the Italian airship *Roma*, the largest semi-rigid in existence, for \$200,000. It has a cubic capacity of 1,800,000 ft. and a length of 410 feet. It is driven by six twelve-cylinder engines of 400 horse-power each. Its estimated speed is 80 miles, and it has a cruising radius, at full speed, of 3,300 miles.

UNITED STATES ARMY.

EFFORT TO PREVENT REDUCTION.

WASHINGTON, February 2nd.

Mr. Kahn, Chairman of the Military Committee of the House of Representatives, has announced that Mr. Harding favours legislation providing for the voluntary military training of 150,000 men annually. Mr. Kahn is striving to prevent a reduction of the Regular Army below 175,000.

**ALLIES' REPARATION
DEMAND.**

WARNING TO GERMANY.

LONDON, February 3rd.

Reuter learns that Germany has not hitherto replied officially to the invitation to a conference in London on the 28th Inst., but well-informed British circles believe that Germany is bound to take the opportunity to discuss matters in detail in London, while it should be understood in Berlin that the Paris settlement is final so far as the Allies are concerned.

HEATED REICHSTAG DEBATE.

BERLIN, February 3rd.

During the debate in the Reichstag on Herr von Simons' statement, Herr Schiffer, ex-Minister of Justice, on behalf of the Coalition Parties, approved the declarations as regards disarmament and reparations, and undertook to support the Government if the counter-proposals were rejected and the Entente abided by its demands.

Herr Herman Mueller, ex-Chancellor, on behalf of the Right Socialists, also supported and appealed to foreign workers to encourage negotiations for a practical solution of the reparations problem. He warned German militarists against secret organisations and the risks of delaying disarmament.

Herr Hergt, on behalf of the German Nationalists, objected to compliance with the disarmament demands. He was greeted with shouts of "Junker!"

Herr Ledebour (Independent Socialist) urged the Government to negotiate if the Entente submitted alternative proposals. He derided the Conservatives' protests against the reparations demands in view of the fact that they had intended to exact an even larger tribute if victorious.

RELIABILITY OF GERMAN FIGURES.

PARIS, February 3rd.

An annex to the report of the Allied experts to the Brussels Conference points out that the figures in the German Budget of 1920 are only acceptable with reserve. The Government and Parliament were anxious to emphasise the precariousness of the German financial position. The report refers to the enormous budgeted increase in administrative expenditure, the whole as regards revenue duties on liquors, tobacco, coffee, tea, and sugar being very far below what Great Britain, France and Italy impose. The experts advocate an increase in duties. This is desirable because wages and raw materials have not risen in Germany proportionally to the value of the mark abroad, which makes German exportation a regular dumping business. It is believed that future budgets may be expected to balance and that Germany will meet the Treaty obligations by revenue from taxation.

FIRM MEASURES.

PARIS, February 3rd.

Le Temps declares that the Allies must adopt firm measures in connection with Germany's refusal to comply with the decisions of the conference, and suggests that the Allies immediately take possession of the German Customs in the respective zones on the left bank of the Rhine; secondly, immediately establish a Customs cordons separating the occupied from the unoccupied territories; and, thirdly, immediately come to an arrangement for the purpose of establishing a Customs regime, including a tariff in the occupied territories. *Le Temps* concludes: "Germany proposes to talk: we propose to act."

"STAGE-MANAGED" REFUSAL.

LONDON, February 3rd.

Germany's stage-managed refusal of the Allies terms has not perturbed official circles. It was duly anticipated and consequently is discounted. The Germans have systematically refrained from offering proposals as long as the Allies had not reached any agreement in the course of the protracted inquiries as regards reparations since the Armistice. Now, however, in face of the Allies' unanimity, Berlin rather clumsily talks of counter-proposals with the two-fold hope of delaying action and creating fresh differences between Great Britain and France.

It is understood that no counter-proposals will be considered, unless they are clearly relevant to the Allies' demands. Moreover, Berlin's action in recalling Herr Bergmann and other German delegates from Brussels is regarded as a deliberate attempt to allow her experts to face a cross-examination by Allied experts.

The German Press generally approves of Herr von Simons' declaration, but the *Tagblatt* warns the people against the idea that the Entente are bluffing.

VILNA QUESTION.

LITHUANIA CHANGES IN MIND.

LONDON, February 2nd.

The Polish-Lithuanian negotiations for a settlement of the Vilna question have been broken off, owing to Lithuania's repudiation of her former willingness to have a plebiscite on the question. The reason assigned is the continued presence of General Zeligowski's forces in Vilna, which, it is feared, would unfavourably affect the voting.

UNREST IN ITALY.

DANGER OF A BIG STRIKE.

LONDON, February 2nd.

Disquieting reports from Italy indicate the danger of a big strike. The Socialist-Labour Conference assembled in Rome has sent an ultimatum to the Government, giving a short period of grace, to cease its alleged secret complicity in Nationalist terrorism, and unless a peaceful solution is forthcoming, a National Council will be summoned to proclaim a general strike throughout the country. It is stated that enormous military forces are concentrating in the rebellious central provinces to reassure the civilians and to force the recently-ordered civil disarmament which has been denied.

**INTERNATIONAL LABOUR
CONFERENCE.**

**LENGTHY AGENDA FOR
DISCUSSION.**

LONDON, February 2nd.

The agenda for the International Labour Conference at Geneva in October largely deals with the question of adapting a number of ameliorative conditions, aimed at in other occupations, to agricultural labour; the disinfection of wool infected with anthrax spores; the prohibition of the employment of anybody under eighteen years as a trimmer or stoker; and compulsory medical examination of children employed on ships.

HOUSING DILEMMA.

PROBLEM FOR ALL COUNTRIES.

LONDON, February 3rd.

That the present housing dilemma does not apply only to Great Britain is revealed in a world-survey issued by the Housing Department of the Ministry of Health, which states that Canada's shortage amounts to 50,000 houses, Switzerland's to 35,000, and Norway's to 20,000.

Australia is hampered by a shortage of labour and materials, particularly bricks, the average production of which in 1919 was reduced by 35,000,000, owing to the seamen's strike.

New Zealand and South Africa are affected, but not to the same extent.

France's increased cost of building has reduced urgent operations in Paris, where 4,000 projected dwellings are practically at a standstill.

Italy, Sweden and Holland have taken national action, but in the United States no Government housing work is carried on, and there is a shortage of two million dwellings, which has produced a serious situation, especially in New York.

U.S. OIL EMBARGO.

DECISION LIKELY TO BE DELAYED.

WASHINGTON, February 2nd.

In connection with the proposed oil embargo, it is pointed out that a Bill is being introduced by Senator Phelan of California, and it is most unlikely that any recommendation from Mr. Daniels will have any effect on the initial stage of the Bill, which is designed to check the exportation of California oils to Japan, because the Administration has only another thirty days of life and the outgoing Administration would not venture to take a decision on matters of such vital importance.

BOLSHEVICS IN BOKHARA.

TALE OF HORRIBLE ATROCITIES.

BOMBAY, February 2nd.

The recent Bolshevik penetration into Bokhara has been followed by a number of atrocities. The invaders executed the Chief Qazi (the Administrator of Moslem Law), murdered or imprisoned several notables, removed the ladies of the Emir's harem from the city and sent a quantity of loot to Tashkent, but all this was captured by freebooters en route.

U.S. ACTIVITIES ABROAD.

**SENATOR JOHNSON'S
RESOLUTIONS.**

WASHINGTON, February 2nd.

The Foreign Relations Committee of the Senate has approved Senator Johnson's resolution for investigation into American activities in Siberia, Hayti and Santo Domingo.

WAR FINANCE CORPORATION

**LOAN FOR CONDENSED MILK
EXPORT.**

WASHINGTON, February 2nd.

The first application approved by the War Finance Corporation, since its revival, is a loan of ten million dollars to a group of banks to finance the export of condensed milk.

**U.S. EMERGENCY TARIFF
BILL.**

ATTITUDE OF SENATE.

WASHINGTON, February 2nd.

The Senate, by 26 votes to 25, refused the closure on the Emergency Tariff Bill, which is likely to be defeated.

EMPIRE CUSTOMS OFFICIALS.

**OBJECTS OF CONFERENCE THIS
MONTH.**

LONDON, February 3rd.

The conference of the Customs officials throughout the Empire, which should have been held last year, but was delayed by pressure of post-war work, meets in London at the end of February. The date has not been fixed, but will probably be in the last week. The sole object is to try to secure uniformity in the multiplicity of certificates which must be signed to meet the requirements of the Customs Departments throughout the world. The self-governing Dominions will be directly represented, while Crown Colonies and the Dependencies will probably be represented by the Colonial Office. The conference will deal solely with the form of the certificates and is not concerned with questions of policy.

SITUATION IN IRELAND.

MURPHY REPRIEVED.

LONDON, February 3rd.

The sentence on Murphy has been commuted to penal servitude for life.

It is stated in Government circles in Dublin that there are signs that the Irish Republican Army urgently needs funds. Collections were made in the streets of Dublin on Sunday, also at houses. A number of collectors were arrested. The authorities are in possession of a copy of a notice sent to householders in County Tipperary announcing that the Colonel of the Mid-Tipperary brigade has decided to impose a levy in order to arm and equip the brigade.

It is officially reported that two armed and masked men entered the house of a Justice of the Peace in Miltown, and demanded money. Resistance was offered and the Justice of the Peace was shot dead, while his son was seriously wounded. Three armed men visited a house at Inchicore and seized \$111 in notes.

DEMPSEY-CARPENTIER

FIGHT.

FIXED FOR JULY 2ND.

NEW YORK, February 2nd.

Tex Rickard has announced that the Dempsey-Carpentier fight has been fixed for July 2nd.

Willard's proposed fight with Dempsey is off, but it has been planned that he shall fight the winner of the Dempsey-Carpentier match on September 3th.

SLEEPING SICKNESS.

SEVERAL CASES IN LONDON.

LONDON, February 2nd.

The Registrar-General reports that 21 cases of sleeping sickness (*encephalitis lethargica*) were notified during the week ended January 22nd in London alone.

MEAT PACKERS DIVIDEND.

OVER THOUSAND PER CENT.

LONDON, February 2nd.

A telegram from Washington says the annual report of the Morris Company, one of the great meat packers, shows a declaration of stock dividend of over 1,200 per cent.

THE DENNISTON PLAYERS.

"STOP THIEF!"

LONDON, February 2nd.

The Denniston Players entertained a large audience at the Theatre Royal last night with a farce, seen for the first time in Hongkong, entitled "Stop Thief." The play attracts humour from kleptomaniacs; thieves have got into a house during a wedding and manage to make some of the family suspect themselves of kleptomania. Later on the principal thief masquerades as the detective from police headquarters, so the complications become very humorous. The author makes the mistake, perhaps, of trying to squeeze the very last drop of humour from each situation, but the company never let the play flag for a moment. Mr. Reginald Wykeham, as the kleptomaniac bridegroom, contributed largely to the success of the evening. Mr. Ray D. Clifton carried through a comedy character part with skill and Mr. Leo Kennedy was good as the thief.

The Band of the Wilts. Regt. contributed to the enjoyment of the evening with their popular selections.

BILLIARDS.

V.R.C. TOURNAMENT.

LONDON, February 2nd.

In the billiards championship tournament at the V.R.C. last night, L. Omond defeated R. Luz by 82 points.

HO KONG TONG TOURNAMENT.

LONDON, February 2nd.

In the Ho Kong Tong handicap at Palace Hotel, J. Clapham (-50) beat J. Steer (-150) by 103 points, and W. G. Gerrard (-150) beat A. J. Fille (-200) by 43 points (games 250 up).

JAPAN AND SIBERIA.

**THE PROBLEM OF
"BOLSHEVISATION."**

**STATEMENT OF THE JAPANESE
PREMIER.**

TOKIO, January 24th.

The Japanese Premier, Mr. Hara, replying to a speech by Viscount Kato delivered in the House of Peers, said that when the Czechs evacuated Siberia, the Government wished to withdraw. Not, however, on account of political ambition, but owing to the fact that many Russians desired that Japan should remain, and also for the protection of Japanese interests and residents, the withdrawal was delayed. The continued occupation was, therefore, for the purpose of self-protection. After the Nikolaievsk massacre Zabaikal was evacuated, but the Japanese remained at Vladivostok, with the assent of the Powers.

The political instability in Siberia was a source of worry to Japan, but that was not the cause of the continued occupation, which was merely for the purpose of protecting the Japanese residents of Vladivostok. These did not exceed 7,000 in number, but they were old residents, and the Government, therefore, deemed it necessary to protect them, instead of urging their withdrawal, as had been done elsewhere. When a proper Russian Government was established, the troops would be withdrawn.

The Premier declared that Bolshevism was spreading with overwhelming rapidity, and was threatening to find its way into Japanese territory at any moment. The Government was aware of the futility of trying to check Bolshevism with bayonets, and realised that it was not in this way that the "Bolshevisation" of disaffected Koreans could be prevented. Large numbers of the latter who were at Vladivostok had been expelled, and were now congregating in the Chientao region. Troops went to Chientao because the Chinese authorities could not protect the Japanese residents. When satisfactory Chinese guarantees were forthcoming, the Japanese would immediately withdraw from Chientao. The same policy would be pursued as regards Vladivostok.

Replying to a question by Mr. Ren Nakashoji, ex-Minister of Agriculture and Commerce, as to whether the Government did not intend to take positive steps against Bolshevism, which was a step to the interests of humanity and was jeopardising Oriental peace, the Premier replied that it was impossible to prevent the "Bolshevisation" of an alien country, and any positive measure in such a direction would certainly irritate that country. The "Bolshevisation" of Siberia could not, therefore, be effectively checked, and there was no likelihood of the Powers moving in that direction while the process was confined to Russian territory. The Japanese interests in the Chinese Eastern Railway zone and South Manchuria generally were menaced, and therefore, troops were stationed at Harbin as well as at Vladivostok.

The resumption of trade with Russia required careful scrutiny, said the Minister, because evidently the Soviet aimed at carrying on propaganda through a resumption of trade.

**RUBBER ESTATES IN THE
STRAITS.**

PRACTICALLY ALL RUN AT A LOSS.

At a recent meeting of the Straits Legislative Council, Mr. CAMERON asked: (1) "Whether, in view of the fact that practically every rubber estate in the Colony is to-day being run at a loss, Government will favourably consider the question of waiving all assessment on rubber for at least the first half of the current year?"

(2) Whether the report of the rubber Restriction Committee has yet been submitted, and if so, what action the Government proposes to take in connection therewith?

The AGING COLONIAL SECRETARY replied: (1) The proposal contained in the first question is a matter which concerns the Municipalities and the Rural Boards who levy the assessment rates under the provisions of the Municipal Ordinance.

(2) With regard to the second question, this Government has received a letter from the Rubber Producers Association of Malaya containing the resolutions passed at the joint meeting of the committee of the local Rubber Growers Association, and the Planters' Association of Malaya and of the representatives of the Rubber Producers Association of Malaya, and of others connected with the rubber industry, held in Kuala Lumpur on Monday, November 20th. These resolutions have been referred to a committee of rubber experts at Kuala Lumpur who are endeavouring to evolve a scheme which they could recommend to the Government of the Colony and the F.M.S. The recommendations of this committee have not yet been received.

Mr. Lowther KEMP: Arising out of the answer to that question and as I am a member of the committee referred to and now here sent in quite recently might I ask whether Government appreciates the urgency of giving immediate attention to this matter?

The AGING COLONIAL SECRETARY: In answer to that I might say that the Government appreciates very much the urgency of this question and immediate attention will be given to the matter when it comes to hand.

SHIPPING NEWS

ARRIVALS.

February 2nd.

Chak Sang, British str., 1,470 tons, Capt. M. Courtney, from Singapore, with general cargo.—J.M. & Co.
Mikuma Maru, Japanese str., 4,916 tons, Capt. K. Okamoto, from London, with a general cargo.—N.Y.K.
Takiko Maru, British str., 1,873 tons, Capt. Robinson, from Sourabaya, with sugar.—K. & S.

February 3rd.

Eurypylus, British str., 3,323 tons, Capt. R. Hill, from Liverpool, with a general cargo.—B. & S.
Fook Sang, British str., 3,100 tons, Capt. T. A. Mitchell, from Kobe, with a general cargo.—J.M. & Co.
Glentworth, British str., 1,120 tons, Capt. W. H. Kennett, from Shanghai, with a general cargo.—J.M. & Co.
Hatchling, British str., 1,267 tons, Capt. A. H. Stewart, from Swatow, with a general cargo.—D.L. & Co.
Hawaii Maru, Japanese str., 3,841 tons, Capt. Suruga, from Manila, with a general cargo.—O.S.K.
Hong Hwa, British str., 1,294 tons, Capt. Mackenzie, from Singapore, with a general cargo.—Seng Soon Hong.
Hunley, Italian str., 1,370 tons, Capt. Veleich, from Singapore, with a general cargo.—Dodwell & Co.
Hydrangea, British str., 561 tons, Capt. J. E. Drummond, from Swatow, with a general cargo.—Chiu On S.S. Co.
Ichang, British str., 1,206 tons, Capt. McCulloch, from Shanghai, with a general cargo.—B. & S.
Kanchoke, British str., 1,233 tons, Capt. Cowan, from Bangkok and Swatow, with a general cargo.—B. & S.
Sura Maru, Japanese str., 4,918 tons, Capt. Machida, from Shanghai, with a general cargo.—N.Y.K.
Yang Tse Kiang, Chinese str., 403 tons, Capt. Brown, from Hothow, with a general cargo.—Yuen Cheong Lee.

PASSENGERS.

ARRIVALS.

Per s.s. *Eurypylus*, on February 3rd: Messrs. W. E. Wakeham, W. Sutton and J. Colles.
 Per s.s. *Hungaria*, on February 3rd: Mr. C. Umberto, Mrs. and Dr. Saleeby, Mr. and Mrs. Zimmer, Mr. and Mrs. Fritz, Mr. B. J. Israel, Mr. J. B. Newson, Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Knapper, Mr. W. Moss, Mr. and Mrs. P. T. Wise, Mr. and Mrs. Evans, Monsieur A. Cardot and Monsieur E. Foulquier.

Per s.s. *Hatchling*, on February 3rd: Mr. Conles and Mr. D'Oyly.
 Per s.s. *Mikuma Maru*, on February 2nd: Mr. and Mrs. B. Wylie, Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Comrie, Mrs. S. Waller, Mr. R. M. Miller, Mr. and Mrs. B. M. Henderson, Mr. J. R. Atkins, Miss B. N. Bicknell, Miss J. B. Allan, Mr. S. Dannes, Miss C. J. Lambert, Mr. F. M. C. Burt, Miss E. M. Pearson, Miss F. L. Coleman, Mr. G. Forgher, Mr. A. Lacombe.

DEPARTURES.

Per s.s. *Mikuma Maru*, on February 3rd: Mr. M. Robertson, Mr. F. J. L. Shaw, Mr. D. M. Gubbe, Mr. G. Litch, Mr. V. Lund, Lieut.-Col. S. Nishihama, Lieut.-Col. A. Segawa, Mrs. C. E. Shaw, Miss D. G. H. Craig, Mrs. G. S. Daming, Mrs. E. M. Pritchard, Mr. W. S. Pennet, Mr. V. Grigori, Mrs. P. M. Stewart, Miss A. M. Stewart, Miss B. A. Wells, Mr. and Mrs. S. F. de Newman, Miss E. Newman, Miss A. F. Newman, Com. and Mrs. T. Ono, Mr. and Mrs. F. Kelsey, Miss L. J. Kelsey, Mr. and Mrs. A. S. Freppay, Mr. and Mrs. J. Corbin, Mr. A. Gossier, Dr. W. Klages, Mr. E. H. Blain, Mr. C. Varlay, Mr. T. Lalchand, Mr. and Mrs. L. E. F. Drakeford, Miss J. M. Drakeford, Miss E. Drakeford, Miss M. W. Brown, Miss E. Ackerman, Mr. E. Johnson, Mr. G. Muller, Mr. E. C. Jarner, V. Varlay.

SHIPPING MOVEMENTS.

The N.Y.K. s.s. *Sanuki Maru* (Calcutta line) left Moji on January 2nd, and is expected here on February 7th.
 The N.Y.K. s.s. *Yokohama Maru* (Calcutta line) left Calcutta on February 1st, and is expected here on February 21st.
 The R.M.S. *Empress of Russia* arrived at Manila yesterday, leaves there to-day, and is due at Hongkong on February 6th at daylight.

VESSELS EXPECTED.

Atrous (Blue Funnel), due March 28th.
Autolichus (Blue Funnel), due March 28th.
Benmore (Ben Line), from Leith and London, due February 7th.
Delta (P. & O.), from Shanghai, due February 4th, about 6 a.m.
Eldridge (Admiral line), due about February 28th.
Elpenor (Blue Funnel), due March 20th.
Empress of Russia, from Vancouver, due February 6th.
Idomeneus (Blue Funnel), due March 3rd.
Jason (Blue Funnel), due March 10th.
Kaga Maru (N.Y.K.), from Japan, due February 19th.
Keemun (Blue Funnel line), from Europe, due February 20th.
Kitano Maru (N.Y.K.), from London, due March 2nd.
Lisbon Maru (N.Y.K.), from Japan, due February 9th.
Lowther Castle (Dodwell line), due February 24th.
Pauline (Admiral line), due March 7th.
Perseus (Blue Funnel), due March 31st.
Sanuki Maru (N.Y.K.), from Japan, due February 7th.
Satsuma (Barber line), from New York, due about February 15th.
Taiwan Maru (N.Y.K.), from Calcutta, due February 12th.
Tango Maru (N.Y.K.), from Sydney, due February 14th.
Teresias (Blue Funnel line), from Europe, due February 4th.
Telmachus (Blue Funnel), due April 13th.
Tokasa Maru (N.Y.K.), from Liverpool.

WEATHER REPORT.

February 3rd, at 12.12.—Pressure has decreased considerably at Vladivostok, and slightly at Weihaiwei. It has increased considerably from Formosa to Hongkong, and slightly over the Philippines.

The depression which was to the south of Hongkong yesterday passed over Formosa in the afternoon.

The anti-cyclone has spread southward. Fresh to strong monsoon may be expected along the east coast of China and over the N. China Sea.

Hongkong rainfall for the 24 hours ending at 10 a.m. to-day, 0.38 inch. Total since January 1st, 1.23 inches against an average of 1.65 inches.

The forecast for the 24 hours ending at noon to-day is as follows:—

DISTRICT FORECAST.
 Hongkong to Gap Rock (North winds, strong; fine).
 Formosa Channel (The same as No. 1).
 South coast of China between the same as Hongkong and Lamoch (No. 1).
 South coast of China between the same as Hongkong and Hainan (No. 1).

HONGKONG METEOROLOGICAL REGISTER.

Hongkong Observatory, February 3rd.

	Previous Day	On Date	On Date
	at 2 p.m.	at 6 a.m.	at 2 p.m.
Barometer	29.80	30.06	30.07
Temperature	61	50	58
Humidity	85	79	83
Wind Direction	WNW	NNW	North
Force	od	o	3
Weather	od	o	3
Rain	0.86	—	0.23

Highest open air temperature on 2nd, 64.
 Lowest open air temperature on 3rd, 50.

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The following unclaimed telegrams are lying in the Great Northern Telegraph Company's office at Hongkong:

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HONGKONG TIME SIGNALS.

The Time Ball on Kowloon Signal Hill is dropped daily at 10 a.m. and 4 p.m., except on Saturdays when it is dropped at 10 a.m. and 1 p.m., and on Sundays and Holidays when it is dropped at 10 a.m. only.

The Ball is hoisted half mast at the 55th minute, and full mast at the 57th minute. Should the ball fail to drop at the correct time it will be lowered at 5 minutes past the hour and the ordinary routine repeated at the following hour, if possible.

Should the Time Ball be out of order, the above routine will be carried out with the flag "Z" on the Stern Signal mast.

Time Signals are also given at night by means of three white lamps mounted vertically on the Observatory wireless mast. From 8.50 to 9.00 p.m. the lamps are extinguished momentarily at the even seconds, except at the 2nd, 28th, 50th, 52nd, and 4th of each minute.

The hours refer to Hongkong Standard Time (8 hours East of Greenwich).

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SHANGHAI	"SUIYANG"	On 7th Feb. 8 A.M.
SHANGHAI & FUKOW	"SINKYANG"	On 8th Feb. D'light
BANGKOK	"KANCHOW"	On 8th Feb. Noon
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PENINSULAR & ORIENTAL SAILINGS (South)

S.S.	Tons	From Hongkong (about)	Destination
"DELTA"	8,000	5th Feb. 10 A.M.	Marseilles, London & Antwerp
"DUNERA"	5,400	15th Feb.	Spain, Colombo & Bombay
"KASHGAR"	8,000	15th Mar.	Marseilles, London & Antwerp
"ALIPORE"	8,300	14th Mar.	Singapore, Colombo & Bombay
"DILWARA"	5,400	8th Mar.	do
"KARNATA"	9,000	18th Mar.	Marseilles, London & Antwerp
"KASHMIR"	9,000	28th Mar.	do

BRITISH INDIA - APCAR SAILINGS (South)

"TAKADA" 7,000 18th Feb. Calcutta via Spore & F'goon.

EASTERN & AUSTRALIAN SAILINGS (South)

"KANOWNA"	7,100	16th Feb.	Sundakan, Thursday Island,
"ST. ALPANS"	4,500	9th Mar.	Cairns, Townsville, Brisbane,
			Sydney & Melbourne.

SAILINGS TO SHANGHAI & JAPAN

"ARRATON APCAR"	4,500	16th Feb.	Shanghai & Japan
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Any damaged packages must be left in the Godowns for examination by the Consignees, and the Company's Surveyors, Messrs. GODDARD & DOUGLAS, at 10 A.M. on MONDAYS and THURSDAYS. All Claims must be presented within ten days of the Steamer's arrival here, after which date they cannot be recognised. No Claims will be admitted after the goods have left the Godowns.

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BUENOS AIRES—RIO DE JANEIRO, SANTOS, MAURITIUS,

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"SEATTLE MARU"

Tuesday, 8th Mar.

BOMBAY & COLOMBO—Regular fortnightly service via Singapore.

"GANGER MARU"

Friday, 4th Feb.

SAIGON, HONGKONG & SINGAPORE—Regular monthly service.

"UNAN MARU"

Monday, 7th Feb.

SYDNEY & MELBOURNE—Monthly service taking cargo to New Zealand and

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VICTORIA, VANCOUVER, SEATTLE & TACOMA—

via Shanghai and Dairen—Regular fortnightly passenger service connecting at

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Monday, 12th Feb.

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"ALASKA MARU"

Friday, 11th Feb.

NEW ORLEANS LINE.

"HAMBURG MARU"

Saturday, 19th Feb.

JAPAN PORTS—Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama.

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KOROMA MARU	12,000	March 7th
SHINRYA MARU	12,000	March 19th

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ANTO MARU	13,700	Feb. 15th
RAYO MARU	14,000	March 15th
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DESTINATION	STEAMER & DEPARTURE	SAILING DATE
SHANGHAI KORE & YOKOHAMA	"PORTHOUS"	On or about 8th Feb.
	"CORDILLERE"	On or about 14th Feb.
	"ORILLI"	On or about 18th Mar.

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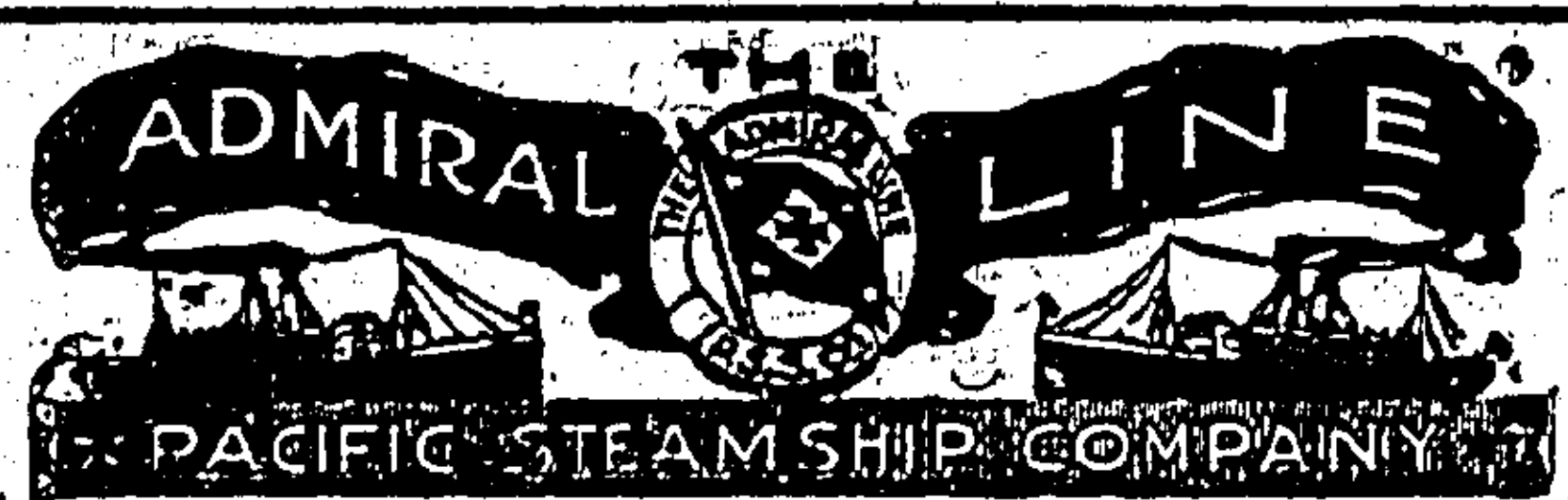
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	Bank Bills, on demand	690
	Credits, 4 months' sight	750
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	Bank Bills, on demand	49
	Credits, at 60 days' sight	51 1/2
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	Telegraphic Transfer	—
	Bank Bills, on demand	185 1/2
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	Telegraphic Transfer	—
	Bank Bills, on demand	156 1/2
On	SHANGHAI.	
	Bank Bills, at sight	—
	Private, 30 days' sight	—
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On	MANILA.	On demand
On	SEBASTIA.	On demand
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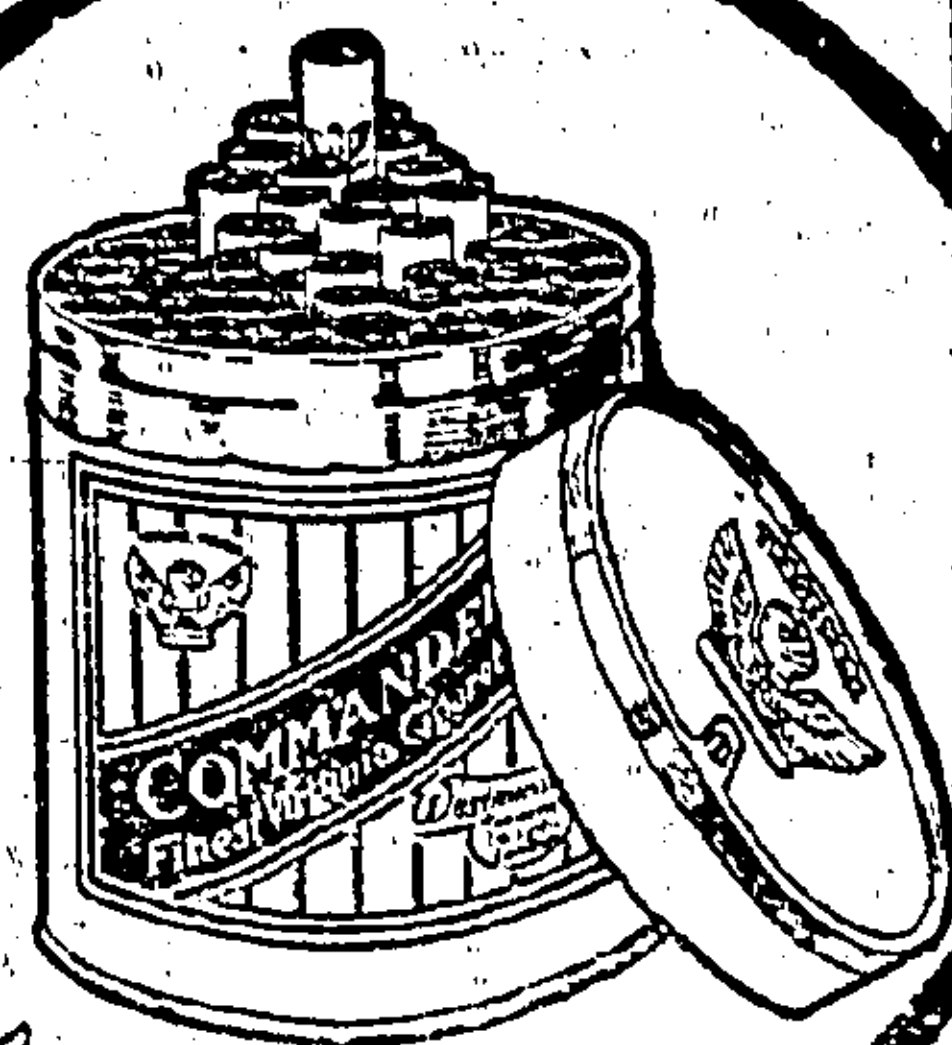
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